

2002 NHDS DATA FILE DOCUMENTATION

II. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION OF DATA FILE

Data Set Name	NHDS02.PU.TXT
Record Length	88
Number of Records	327,254

III. RECORD LAYOUT: Location and Coding of Data Elements

This section provides detailed information for each sampled record on the file, with a description of each item included on the record. Data elements are arranged sequentially according to their physical location on the file. Unless otherwise stated in the Item Description, the data are derived from the abstract form or from automated sources. The SMG Hospital Market Data File and the hospital interview are alternate sources of data; some other items are computer generated.

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Item Number	Location	Number of Positions	Item description	Code description
1	1-2	2	Survey Year	02
2	3	1	Newborn status	1=Newborn 2=Not newborn
3	4	1	Units for age	1=Years 2=Months 3=Days
4	5-6	2	Age in years, months, or days	If units=years: 00-99* If units=months: 01-11 If units=days: 00-28 *Ages 100 and over were recoded to 99
5	7	1	Sex	1=Male 2=Female
6	8	1	Race	1=White 2=Black/African American 3=American Indian/Alaskan Native 4=Asian 5=Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islr 6=Other 8=Multiple race indicated 9=Not stated
7	9	1	Marital status	1=Married 2=Single 3=Widowed 4=Divorced 5=Separated 9=Not stated
8	10-11	2	Discharge month	01-12=January to December
9	12	1	Discharge Status	1=Routine/discharged home 2=Left against medical advice 3=Discharged/transferred to short-term facility 4=Discharged/transferred to long-term care institution 5=Alive, disposition not stated 6=Dead 9=Not stated or not reported
10	13-16	4	Days of care	Use to calculate number of days of care. Values of zero generated by the computer from admission and discharge dates were changed to one. (Discharges for which dates of admission and discharge are the same are identified in Item Number 11)

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11	17	1	Length of stay flag	0=Less than 1 day 1=One day or more
12	18	1	Geographic region	1=Northeast 2=Midwest 3=South 4=West
13	19	1	Number of beds, recode	1=6-99 2=100-199 3=200-299 4=300-499 5=500 and over
14	20	1	Hospital ownership	1=Proprietary 2=Government 3=Nonprofit, including church
15	21-25	5	Analysis weight	Use to obtain weighted estimates
16	26-27	2	First two digits of survey year	20
17	28-32	5	Diagnosis code #1	*
18	33-37	5	Diagnosis code #2	*
19	38-42	5	Diagnosis code #3	*
20	43-47	5	Diagnosis code #4	*
21	48-52	5	Diagnosis code #5	*
22	53-57	5	Diagnosis code #6	*
23	58-62	5	Diagnosis code #7	*
24	63-66	4	Procedure code#1	*
25	67-70	4	Procedure code#2	*
26	71-74	4	Procedure code#3	*
27	75-78	4	Procedure code#4	*

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28	79-80	2	Principal expected source of payment	01=Worker's compensation 02=Medicare 03=Medicaid 04=Other government 05=Blue Cross/Blue Shield 06=HMO/PPO 07=Other private insurance 08=Self-pay 09=No charge 10=Other 99=Not stated
29	81-82	2	Secondary expected source of payment	Same coding as item 28 above, except Not Stated left blank (not coded to 99)
30	83-85	3	Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG)	grouper version 18.0
31	86	1	Type of Admission	1 = Emergency 2 = Urgent 3 = Elective 4 = Newborn 9 = Not available
32	87-88	2	Source of Admission	01 = Physician referral 02 = Clinical referral 03 = HMO referral 04 = Transfer from a hospital 05 = Transfer from skilled nursing facility 06 = Transfer from other health facility 07 = Emergency room 08 = Court/law enforcement 09 = Other 99 = Not available

 *Diagnosis and procedure codes are in compliance with the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification, (ICD-9-CM)*. For **diagnosis** codes, there is an implied decimal between positions 3 and 4. For E-codes, the implied decimal is between the 4th and 5th position. For inapplicable 4th or 5th digits, a dash is inserted. For **procedure** codes, there is an implied decimal between positions 2 and 3. For inapplicable 3rd or 4th digits, a dash is inserted.